

WILLARD, RUHLIN BOUT TO BE BEST IN MANY MONTHS

Contestants Evenly Matched
and Should Put Up Great
Go Wednesday.

Clarence Willard, conqueror of Eddie Welsh at Goshen and claimant of the Indiana welterweight title, will meet his strongest opponent on next Wednesday night when Johnny Ruhlín, the "fighting Irishman" from Mishawaka, swas a puncher with him in the final six round bout of the initial monthly smelter at Johnny McGowan's new gymnasium at Michigan and Wayne sts.

With four other bouts, every one of which should develop into a clever exhibition of six rounds, McGowan has completed a card that is by far the best to be held here in quite some time. Willard's ability as a slugger is well known. He has no body, fights hard from the starting gong and in all his career as a milt man has evaded successfully every effort made by his opponents to knock him out.

In a bout with Eddie Welsh at the Oliver theater Willard, fighting for a chance to meet Jack Britton, tore into the local welterweight and they stepped faster and better than was expected of either boy. Quite a few of the fans believed that Willard had the better of the fight in every round except the last, when Welsh was credited with a whirlwind finish.

Later the two boys met at Goshen. It was quite a fiasco there with accommodations void, a bar for a dressing room, a cold test for a boxing place and a mighty poor house as a reward. It was something of a stalling affair for a while and Willard's manager claims that Welsh would not box. However, in the three final frames of the battle practically everyone agreed that the Elkhart man had decided the best of the fray.

Held Smith to Draw.
In a recent fight encounter with Rock Smith, the knockout king from Battle Creek and the new stable mate of Bob Martin of A. E. F. fame, Clarence Willard more than held his own. He forced the bout from the start and despite a wealth of punishment meted him, kept mulling away without a falter and held Smith to a mighty good draw. A week before meeting Willard, Smith had knocked out Al Doty in 50 seconds of fighting.

In Johnny Ruhlín, a former New Jersey lightweight and welter, we are of the opinion that the Elkhart pride will meet just as dangerous and a much more clever battler than Rock Smith. Ruhlín has a wallop that is a genuine sleep producer while he steps about in his daily workouts at McGowan's gymnasium like a lightweight. He delights in having his sparring partner, Whitey Clements, Johnny Thiel and Freddy Becker sock away at him while he merely winks off those that appear to be headed for a tender spot, as he eyes or the lips. He is a bear for punishment and though Clarence Willard has a wicked punch it is very doubtful that he will make much of an impression upon Ruhlín when he lands.

A Bear for Training.
As a boxer Ruhlín appears to be more scientific than his rival he has a wicked left hand and a great one-two punch which he uses most of the time. With a couple of good strong feet beneath him, he lacks nothing that is important in the makeup of a boxer.
Though in Mishawaka little over six weeks, Ruhlín has made friends galore. His "fear-nothing" attitude and willingness to box at all times has impressed everyone. He is a bear for training, too. Every morning long before most of the inhabitants of that scene of the Dodge victory, have seen the light of the new day, Ruhlín is trotting over the hills and along the brook that is found on the outskirts of the town. At night he reports early at McGowan's gymnasium, followed by sometimes 40 rooters from Mishawaka, and then he has the gym logs and works hard for over two hours. He boxes two rounds a piece with each of his sparring partners and then gives every piece of gymnastic apparatus in the club a try. He means business and is confident that Clarence Willard will be stretched to the limit to protect his claim as champion welterweight in Indiana, on next Wednesday night.

SPORT ANGLE

HE winter of 1921-1922 looms up as a strenuous one for the baseball magnates.
Babe Ruth says all he wants is \$50,000 from the New York club, and \$5,000 from every other club in the American league.

That would make "Babe's" salary for the season \$55,000, a nasty figure for one man to draw down for six months' work.

Close behind Ruth comes Rogers Hornsby of St. Louis with the announcement that he wants \$75,000, and a three-year contract.

Not so many years ago the yearly pay roll of a major league ball club didn't amount to much more than Ruth and Hornsby demand.

Both are big stars, they deserve all they can get. If they are able to jar the magnates loose for such amounts, they must be given a lot of credit.
Next in line is Eddie Roush, the star outfielder of the Cincinnati club. Roush's ideas are not as extravagant as Ruth or Hornsby.

The Cincinnati star asks for \$45,000 a year, with a three-year contract. The demands of Ruth, Hornsby and Roush are the result of the wide publicity that has been

Former Fast Ball Hurler Forced to Change His Style

Red Sox Pitcher Now Using
Delivery He Was Three
Years Perfecting.

By BILLY EVANS.

Brain is as great if not greater than brawn when it comes to pitching.

For a proof of that theory the career of Pitcher Joe Bush of the Boston Red Sox is submitted for your consideration.

Bush was the sensational comeback of the 1921 season in the American league, after a lot of experts said he was through.

Joe Bush fooled the experts because he called on his brain power. For his physical resources began to fail him.

Because of his terrific speed, Bush early in his career was called "Bullet Joe." No nickname could have possibly been more appropriate.

Bush almost from his debut was a success. His fast ball was his main asset. Instead of conserving his strength, Joe always went at top speed regardless of the score.

Almost out of a clear sky Joe discovered that the old fast ball was losing some of its "zip." Batters who once were easy for him began to take liberties with his stuff.

That caused Bush to decide that a pitcher needed more than speed if he was to continue for any great length of time as a big leaguer. At just about the time Joe reached such a decision he began to have trouble with his arm.

Had a Very Bad Arm.
The season of 1919 found Bush almost useless. He was unable to throw without suffering great pain. The old speed was no longer there.

He consulted any number of specialists, but received little or no benefit. Complete rest was usually prescribed as a possible cure.

During the season of 1919 Bush worked only nine innings, scattered through three games. However, he was in uniform most every day, keeping himself as physically fit as possible.

Plenty of time to think and reflect caused Bush to do some experimenting. Since he suffered great pain every time he tried to throw a fast ball, Bush practiced throughout the year throwing a slow ball with a fast ball motion. It was possible for him to so throw without any inconvenience.

Developed New Delivery.
Bush carried the experiment even further, he developed what he calls a "fork ball." He has so named it because the regular way he holds the ball between his fingers before delivering it to the batter.

The season of 1920 seemed to restore strength to Bush's arm. He pitched more than 20 games in 1920, but was unable to get better than an even break, winning and losing 15.

Bush couldn't get the old stuff on the fast one. Because of the difficulty in controlling the fork ball, Bush didn't use it during 1920, but constantly worked with it to develop control.

After working for nearly three years mastering the new delivery, Bush started to use it in the early summer of 1921. Batters soon objected, saying Bush was using a spitball, which he had no right to do. The umpires, however, knew such was not the case. The "fork ball" broke very much like a spitball.

Had Big Season in 1921.
The season of 1921 was a big year for Bush, after a lot of people thought he was done as a big leaguer. His success was centered around the "fork ball." This ball, coupled with his curve and fast one, with a change of pace thrown in, made Bush over into a new style pitcher.

Instead of depending on terrific speed, Bush stood the batters up by their heads by mixing them up. Bush is again a great pitcher because he refused to give up when gloom was thickest.

When nature weakened on him, he called on his brain for assistance. The "fork ball," a most deceptive delivery, has given Bush a threat, which he constantly holds over the batter. The "fork ball" was the result of three years of effort. It was worth while.

**Kosciusko County to
Produce Hickory for
Babe Ruth's Cudgels**

WARSAW, Ind., Dec. 16.—Babe Ruth's home-run swats will be made next season with an Indiana hickory bat, the stick being cut from hickory timber cut in Kosciusko county.

The bat is to be made by C. Mollenhour, Merton lumber dealer, who has received an order for several thousand dollars' worth of bats from a Chicago sporting goods establishment and a Louisville sporting goods retailer.

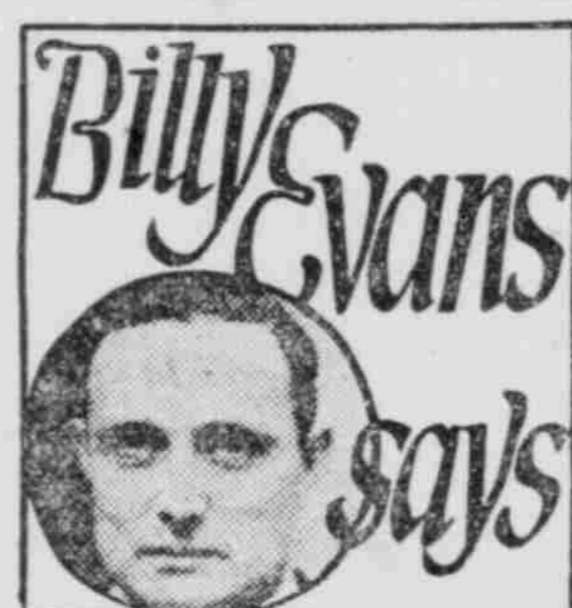
Included in the order from Chicago were specifications for a special bat for Babe Ruth.

Given the alleged profits in baseball, Garry Hermann, the president of the Cincinnati club, is the first one to come to bat on the subject. While the magnates were convening in New York, Hermann told the world what he thought about Roush's demand.

"Roush will neither be sold or traded," says Garry, "no matter how many clubs are anxious to get him. His demands are out of proportion with the earnings of the club. We intend placing Roush on our voluntarily retired list. He will stay on his farm. If he expects us to pay such a salary. That is why we secured George Burns, knowing we would have trouble with Roush."

So says Garry Hermann, and he usually means what he says. All of which brings us back to the fact that the wisdom of Ben Johnson is again being felt.
Three or four years ago Mr. Johnson said disgruntled players should be forced to play with their clubs, or stay at home. However, Mr. Johnson's advice was disregarded, to the detriment of the game.

'Fork Ball' Kept Bush from Bush Leagues



Even Theda Bara Failed to Raise Coulon on Coast

Former Bantam Champion
Recites a Number of Inter-
esting Stories of Career.

Johnny Coulon, now known as the "Man You Can Not Lift," and former bantamweight champion of the world, is one of the most interesting talkers and sports writer one ever had the privilege of talking to.

"Yep," he said, "I'm the man they can't lift all right, but boy, I've been lifted. He tells a story from the stage at the Orpheum theater that seems to be a joke, but as the same little bantam says, 'It's true, but I wish it wasn't. I was riding on a train in France and everybody was attracted by the beauty of a French girl that happened to be in the same car with me. A few of the Frenchmen discovered who I was, and tried to raise me after I had started to use my resisting powers. They all failed and then the girl asked me if she could ride in the car with me. My feet didn't leave the floor of the train, but I was lifted. She left the car at the next stop and something prompted me to put my hand in my pocket. My roll was gone. I sure had been lifted.'"

Theda Couldn't Vamp Him.
Practically every well known athlete has tried to raise the little bantam, without success. Jack Dempsey, Georges Carpentier, all the wrestlers, have each in turn failed. "When I was on the coast," Johnny said, "Theda Bara tried her damndest to lift me. I was afraid to look her in the eyes because I knew that if she tried to vamp me everything was lost. I closed my eyes and managed to stay on the ground. If she had ever vamped me I'd never have been on the stage now," he said.

We asked Johnny if he really thought he could beat Johnny Buff and was surprised to find him very sincere in the belief that he could lay the present champion low if the opportunity presented itself. He's in the pink of condition right now and believes that either Pat Moore or Johnny Buff could be beaten. He is willing to try it at any time, he said.

"The hardest punch I ever received," Coulon said, "was in a fight with that tough little fighter from New York, Ted Murphy. We were scheduled to fight eight rounds shortly after I had entered the professional ring and in the second round I knocked him down for the count of five. Just as he sprang to his feet I tore into him. Then to my surprise he straightened up and landed a terrible blow on the top of my head. The lights went out, stars flittered everywhere, I saw ten Murphys and about twelve corners. I stuck it out till the period ended and believe me I was happy to get back into my corner. I managed to beat Murphy later in the fight."

Coulon also told us how he managed to draw first blood in a bout one week later. His opponent, a tough little fellow from Chicago, landed a wicked punch on Coulon's lip in the first round. The blood squirted into his mouth and he tore into his opponent. Just as they were clinching and hammering away Johnny sprayed the blood all over the face of his opponent, dyeing him with the rich crimson fluid.

"I don't know whether that had any effect or not," Coulon said, "but the newspapers all said I won first blood and the fight that night. Yes, some funny things have happened during my career."

George Cooper, popular physical director at the Y. M. C. A., was forced to admit defeat last night. In the afternoon he confided to Johnny Coulon that he had not the slightest doubt but that he could lift the former bantam weight from the stage of the Orpheum Theater. Shortly after the midgiggle act.

**Boilermakers Use Many
Formations to Beat Techs**
LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 16.—Coach Ward Lambert used 14 men in his Boilermaker five here Friday afternoon, when they defeated Rose Poly by the score of 31 to 10. Lambert tried several different combinations, all of which appeared effective. The Engineers' floor work was quite creditable, but they were woefully weak on basket shooting.

Pitcher Glazner, of the Pittsburgh club, is the only twirler in that organization who uses an underhand delivery similar to that of Carl Mays. Unlike Mays, however, Glazner only resorts to it occasionally. He ordinarily depends upon a fast-breaking curve.

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NOTRE DAME SHOWS REVERSAL IN FORM, DEFEATING ARMOUR

Tech School Quintet Held
Safe in All Stages of Game
as McDermott Stars.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Notre Dame showed a complete reversal of form today and beat the Tech Armour tech collegians in a fast game by the score of 33-17.

McDermott featured the first half with his basket shooting, caging four long ringers while the clever guarding of Kiley and Mayl and later Eddie Anderson held the Armour marksmen to two baskets. Score, first half, Notre Dame 25, Armour 7. Notre Dame played safe in the second half, the second team playing an equally fine game, giving the first stringers a chance to rest for the Northwestern game tomorrow night.

The Box Score.		TAOINNNNNN		FG FT P T	
Notre Dame—					
McDermott, L. F.	.....	4	7	0	0
Logan, R. F.	.....	2	0	1	0
Kennedy, C.	.....	0	0	1	1
Kiley, R. G.	.....	2	0	1	0
Mayl, L. G.	.....	3	0	1	0
Kane, L. F.	.....	1	0	0	1
Anderson, L. G.	.....	0	0	1	1
Armour—					
Schumacher, L. F.	.....	2	7	2	0
Whitaski, R. F.	.....	0	0	1	2
Rudishaar, C.	.....	0	0	1	0
McLaren, R. G.	.....	2	0	1	0
May, L. G.	.....	0	0	2	0
Johnson, C.	.....	0	0	0	0
Spade, L. F.	.....	1	0	2	0

Substitutions—Notre Dame: Coughlin for McDermott; Kane for Logan; Mayl for Kennedy; Anderson for Mayl; Burns for Kiley; Armour: Johnson for Rudy; Spade for Schumacher.

Southerners Raise Limit Of Players, Amend Ruling

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 16.—Southern association club owners Friday voted to raise the player limit from 15 to 16 players, to abolish the rule which prohibited the clubs from retaining a player for more than three years and agreed to a division among all the clubs in the league of the gate receipts of the past season series between the Southern and the Texas league pennant winners. The league directors also decided to raise the waiver price from \$300 to \$500.

Coulon to Speak at Opening of Gymnasium

Johnny Coulon will deliver an address before many young, aspiring boxers and boxing fans this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for the opening of the McGowan gymnasium at the corner of Michigan and Wayne sts.

A crew of carpenters worked late last night finishing the construction work on the ring and various pieces of apparatus in the gymnasium. Matchmaker Johnny McGowan has issued an invitation to any one in South Bend interested in boxing to attend the opening this afternoon.

Dr. F. R. Carson is now open for business in his new dental parlors, 125 W. Washington av., Main 549.

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Baseball magnates insist on the draft. Drawn from the wood, as it were.

Landis says that "Umpires are human," which makes him eligible for pop bottles.

The softest job we know of this winter is caddy to an indoor golf bug.

Perpetual motion—money passing from fans to promoters.

Now, if they'd only eliminate the toe-hold, Zbyzsko might win every razzini match by just shaking hands with his opponent.

Now who'd suspect we'd read it all wrong.

"Centre vs. Notre Dame?"

"It's a bit different, but from the same song."

It's Centre's against Notre Dame!

"Athletics makes colleges." Vassar ought to get Wally Reid to coach something.

After knocking out Happy Littleton, Bryan shouldn't talk that way about the dead.

Who'll replace Ruth? Why not put the judge's famous bench on the diamond and let him come to bat with a mallet?

Golf aboard ship is the latest. Only one hazard—the sea.

It would be possible to select a pretty good eleven from players not picked for the All-American eleven.

People who live in glass houses shouldn't play winter golf.

Had entered before the audience he "spotted" Cooper seated in one of the boxes of the show. He called upon Cooper and asked him to try to lift him. For over five minutes the idol of every small boy tried to budge Coulon but in vain. Finally, perspiring and tired he gave it up. Coulon had another knockout to his credit.

Make it an electrical Christmas. The Blue Bird Shop, 131 N. Main st., offers an immense selection of ideal gifts which are priced—oh, so reasonable! 334-tf

The man that is getting ahead is placing his money with the Building & Loan Association, 124 S. Main st. He receives 6% compounded quarterly for his money. 340-tf

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Banner Crowd to Watch Burns and Ross in Big Tilt

Notre Dame Instructor and
Veteran of Hard Battles
to Meet Monday.

Kid Ross, Mishawaka's wrestling champion and Notre Dame instructor, is confident from the enthusiasm displayed that the first wrestling bout to be staged in Mishawaka this season will go over in big league fashion. The coming bout between Ross and Frankie Burns is bound to be a rip-slashing affair, according to the critics in the sister city and the manager of the Century theater will have a hard time seating the 1,000 or more mat enthusiasts who are sure to gather in that show house next Monday evening at 8 o'clock when the initial bout of the night will be staged.

Charles Smith, heralded as the strongest man in Northern Indiana, and Frankie Verstroeten, a clever grappler, will clash in the semi-final windup of the evening's activities. The Belgian Hercules, Smith, while not as experienced a grappler as Ross, has been clamoring for a match and a victory over his opponent will probably secure for him just that opportunity.

O'Connell a Star.
Ernie Blazer, the best matman in Fort Wayne, will tackle Pat O'Connell, the most likely looking wrestler in all the classes of matmen at Notre Dame. O'Connell has never before taken part in any large exhibition but is reported as having given Ross some strong tussles on different occasions while training in the "Irish" gymnasium. In fact Ross is the only man wrestling at N. D. that can subdue O'Connell. He has chosen a tough opponent for his first bout but has been picked to win the encounter.

Police Gazette rules will govern all contests and a fine program of sport is promised.

**TENDLER DEFEATS
SAILOR FREIDMAN
IN FAST CONTEST**

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Lew Tandler, the Philadelphia left-handed lightweight, tonight defeated Sailor Friedman of Chicago, receiving the judges' decision at the end of their fifteen round bout in Madison Square Garden.

Tandler took advantage of Friedman's wide open tactics in the early rounds, flooring him four times in the second and stopping his aggressiveness in other rounds with hard punches to the body. The recuperation of the Chicagoan was remarkable, however, and he shook Tandler often with hard rights and lefts to the head and body.

Friedman cut Tandler's lips in the twelfth round and cut his nose with hard blows in the fourteenth. Friedman had three previous decisions over Tandler in previous bouts. Friedman weighed 136 pounds and Tandler 135½.

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GIBBONS WINS.
ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 16.—Mike Gibbons, of St. Paul, outpointed his fellow townsman, Mike O'Dowd, former middleweight champion, in a 10-round bout here tonight, a majority of newspapermen at the ring side agreed.

The "Gift of Gifts"

Spiro Shirts of Silk or Madras

Some things seem to be made for Xmas presents—they've got the spirit of the holidays about them. Spiro Manhattan Silk and Madras shirts, for instance. No man ever has enough of them.

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